

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

CO WHIP - Rangeland

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: CO WHIP - Rangeland		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Wildlife Habitat Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1. a. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. Address and support existing conservation initiatives such as but not limited to the following or new conservation initiatives that support State, National or tribal fish or wildlife plans: Sage Grouse, Lesser Prairie Chicken, Longleaf Pine, New England-New York Forestry	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c. Benefit federally listed threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, fish or wildlife species of concern?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. d. Benefit prioritized native habitat critical to a fish or wildlife species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. e. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. f. Eradicate or control prioritized noxious or invasive species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. g. Benefit declining or important aquatic wildlife species prioritized in the State WHIP Plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. h. Implement conservation practices which benefit prioritized fish or wildlife species in forested areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. i. Establish habitat on pivot corners and irregular areas on agricultural land?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. j. Provide self-sustaining habitat for prioritized fish and wildlife while reducing net carbon emissions or boosting carbon storage (e.g., warm season perennial grasses, trees or shrubs)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. k. Benefit migration and other movement corridors for prioritized wildlife?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines – Conservation Implementation - Additional Ranking Considerations – Will the applicant in the proposed project:	
2. a. Complete habitat development within the first two years of the agreement?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Only answer one of questions 1-4 if appropriate. Are there at least 3 Partners (not including the participant or NRCS) contributing dollars for the project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Only answer one of questions 1-4 if appropriate. Are there 2 Partners (not including the participant or NRCS) contributing dollars for the project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Only answer one of questions 1-4 if appropriate. Is there only 1 Partner (not including the participant or NRCS) contributing dollars for the project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Only answer one of questions 1-4 if appropriate. Are there partners (not including the participant or NRCS) contributing in-kind match only?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Only answer one of questions 5 or 6 if appropriate. Is this a group type application involving at least 3 different land owners applying similar practices for the same targeted species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Only answer one of questions 5 or 6 if appropriate. Is this a group type application involving 2 different land owners applying similar practices for the same targeted species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Only answer one of questions 7-9 if appropriate. Will the project result in a minimum increase in the Wildlife Habitat Index (WHI) of .5 or greater for the targeted species? (to calculate WHI use species models in biology tech note #40, or, if a model is not available for the targeted species use the Colorado Wildlife Habitat	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Evaluation Guide (WHEG))	
8. Only answer one of questions 7-9 if appropriate. Will the project result in a minimum increase in the Wildlife Habitat Index (WHI) between .3 and .49 for the targeted species? (to calculate WHI use species models in biology tech note #40, or, if a model is not available for the targeted species use the Colorado Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Guide (WHEG))	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Only answer one of questions 7-9 if appropriate. Will the project result in a minimum increase in the Wildlife Habitat Index (WHI) between .1 and .29 for the targeted species? (to calculate WHI use species models in biology tech note #40, or, if a model is not available for the targeted species use the Colorado Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Guide (WHEG))	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is the primary purpose of the project to improve habitat for one of the following species; Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, desert bighorn sheep, elk, mule deer, pronghorn, wild turkey.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Only answer one question 2 or 3 if appropriate. Is the primary purpose of the project to maintain, enhance or restore sagebrush-steppe, mountain shrub, or eastern plains grassland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Only answer one of question 2 or 3 if appropriate. Is the primary purpose of the project to maintain, enhance or restore desert shrubland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will the project improve or restore 120 or more acres of sagebrush-steppe, mountain shrub habitat, eastern plains grassland or desert shrubland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Is the project on average greater than 1/2 mile (measured from the center of the project area to the nearest point of disturbance) from an occupied dwelling or other area of high disturbance such as a busy highway, heavily used recreation area etc.?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Will the project provide for habitat improvement without construction of additional fences?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. If the project includes fencing, will fences be designed to be wildlife friendly as describe in NRCS Fence Standard and Specification 382?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Will the project include a prescribed grazing plan that will result in improvement of habitat for the targeted wildlife species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score:
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative:	Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: